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The Death of Creativity

“AI can make us faster, smarter, and more informed, but it can’t make us more caring, empathetic or trustworthy. That’s still our job.”

— Shep Hyken

If AI can create almost anything instantly, will human creativity still feel valuable?

A few months ago, we were staring at a blank document, trying to come up with an idea for an assignment. Like many students, we opened an AI tool and typed a simple prompt. Within seconds, we had paragraphs of text, suggestions for improvement, and even a conclusion.

At first, it felt incredible.

Something that might have taken all three of us an hour had been done in less than a minute. But after the initial excitement faded, another thought appeared: if a machine

can do this so quickly, what happens to the value of the effort behind creating something ourselves?

This is a question more and more people are beginning to ask.

Artificial intelligence has quietly woven itself into our daily lives. It helps us navigate traffic, recommends what we should watch next, translate languages, and even assists doctors in diagnosing illnesses. Many of us use AI so often that we barely notice it anymore.

And honestly, there is a lot to appreciate.

Students can access explanations whenever they need help. People living in remote areas can access educational resources that were previously unavailable. AI-powered tools help individuals with disabilities communicate and navigate the world more independently. In healthcare, AI can analyze medical scans faster than ever before, helping doctors detect diseases earlier and improve patient outcomes.

When used responsibly, AI has the potential to make society more efficient, connected, and accessible.

Businesses have also embraced AI for similar reasons.

Companies use it to automate repetitive tasks, reduce error, and improve productivity. Entire industries focused on machine learning, robotics, and AI development have emerged, creating new career opportunities and driving economic growth. For many organizations, AI represents progress.

But progress often comes with trade-offs.

One concern that continues to surface is whether convenience is beginning to replace creativity.

Creativity has never been about producing something instantly. It comes from experimenting, making mistakes, changing directions, and discovering ideas. Through effort. Some of humanity's greatest inventions, stories, paintings, and scientific breakthroughs emerged from long periods of trials and error.

When AI can generate artwork, music, essays, and designs in seconds, it becomes tempting to skip that process entirely.

The problem isn't necessarily that AI creates. The problem is what happens if people stop creating.

If students rely on AI to generate every idea, do they still learn how to think critically? If artists compete with algorithms that can produce thousands of images in minutes, how is human creativity valued? If machines become responsible for solving every problem, do we slowly lose the skills that once defined us?

There are no easy answers.

Another issue is the growing presence of misinformation. AI can create realistic videos, voices, and images that appear genuine even when they are completely fabricated. As these technologies improve, distinguishing between reality and fiction becomes increasingly difficult. Trust, once lost, is not easy to rebuild.

Questions about jobs create additional uncertainty.

While AI is creating opportunities in technology-related fields, it is also replacing some repetitive and predictable roles. Many workers worry about whether they will be able to adapt quickly enough to a changing job market. Others fear that the benefits of AI will be concentrated among large corporations while ordinary workers struggle to keep up.

Then there are ethical questions.

AI systems learn from information created by humans. If that information contains bias, the AI may intentionally repeat or even strengthen those biases. Concerns surrounding privacy, surveillance, and ownership have also become increasingly important. Who owns AI-generated art? Who is responsible when an AI system makes a harmful decision? How much personal data should companies be allowed to collect?

These are questions society is still trying to answer.

Even the environment enters the conversation.

Training advanced AI systems requires enormous amounts of energy and computing power. Data centers consume electricity and water, while production of new technology depends on mining valuable resources. Although AI can help scientists combat climate change, its own environmental footprint cannot be ignored.

The more we think about AI, the more we realise that the debate is not really about whether technology is good or bad.

Technology itself is a tool.

A paintbrush can create a masterpiece or sit unused in a drawer. A calculator can help someone learn mathematics or become a substitute for understanding. AI is no different. Its impact depends on how people choose to use it.

Perhaps the real challenge is ensuring that AI remains a tool that supports human creativity rather than replacing it.

We should use AI to help us learn, explore, and solve problems more effectively. But we should also continue writing our own ideas, creating our own art, asking our own questions, and developing our own perspectives.

Because creativity is not valuable simply because of the final product.

It is valuable because of the human imagination, effort, and experience behind it.

AI may transform the world in extraordinary ways, but humanity must ensure that technological progress does not come at the cost of creativity, equality, and independent thought.

After all, a machine may be able to generate a thousand ideas in seconds.

But it is still humans who give those ideas meaning.